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MEDICARE  
FRAUD AT  
877-272-8720

# Healthcare Fraud Alert

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LOUISIANA Senior Medicare Patrol, The Louisiana Attorney General and the US Department of Health and Human Services want you to protect yourself from possible Medicare fraud.

Medicare Open Enrollment Period began Oct 15 and ends Dec. 7. Scam artists and con men consider this time a great opportunity to trick and confuse Medicare beneficiaries into giving the scammers personal health care information, banking information and other identity data. Louisiana SMP has received multiple complaints from seniors who have received calls from persons pretending to be from Social Security or Medicare. The caller says he/she is getting ready to send the senior a new Medicare card but must first “verify” all the senior’s personal information including bank account numbers.

**Remember: Neither Medicare nor Social Security will call you at home to discuss your Medicare benefits or verify personal information. New Medicare cards are NOT being issued. Never give personal information to unknown persons that call you on the phone. Contact Louisiana SMP at 877-272-8720 for more details.**

This alert has been brought to you by the Office of the Louisiana Attorney General, Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Inspector General and Louisiana SMP.

TO REPORT MEDICARE FRAUD, CALL 1-877-272-8720



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